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**Testimony in SUPPORT of (SCR 103)
URGING THE INCLUSION OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL INTERVENTION
TREATMENT PROGRAMS, WELLNESS PLANS, AND HOLISTIC LIVING
SYSTEMS OF CARE IN THE STATE OF HAWAII'S RESPONSE TO THE RISE OF
MISUSE AND ABUSE OF OPIOIDS OR ILLICIT SUBSTANCES IN HAWAII.**

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN M. MIZUNO, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports SCR 103, including the
3 intent to integrate the focus of bringing forward Native Hawaiian voices and including cultural
4 intervention treatment programs, wellness plans, and holistic systems of care within the Hawaii
5 Opioid Initiative (HOI). This resolution calls for greater inclusion of Native Hawaiian cultural
6 interventions in substance abuse treatment programs. The DOH Alcohol and Drug Abuse
7 Division (ADAD) understands the need for greater incorporation and consideration of cultural
8 programs and have continued to work toward inclusiveness of these programs as an integral part
9 of the continuum of care.

10 Native Hawaiians make up a disproportionate share of substance abuse treatment
11 admissions in Hawaii. For FY2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018), Native Hawaiian
12 admissions represented 2,313 or 44.6% of the total number of adults and adolescents (5,187)
13 admitted into ADAD-contracted substance abuse treatment and recovery support service
14 programs. This is almost three times the admissions rate for Caucasians (15.9% or 825), and over
15 five times that for Filipinos (8.9% or 464) and Other Pacific Islanders (8.2% or 425).

16 Of the total Native Hawaiian admissions for FY2018, 195 (or 8%) of these cases are
17 Native Hawaiians admitted for a primary, secondary or tertiary substance use of Heroin, Non-
18 Prescription Methadone or Other Opiates/Synthetics.

ADAD has a long history of supporting integration of cultural practices in the provision of substance abuse treatment and recovery support services. In its RFP and purchase of service contracts, ADAD was the first to support the use of the American Medical Association's HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System) code for reimbursement, clinical and data tracking of cultural activities related to health record documentation. Recently the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD), which represents all state/territorial Single State Authorities (SSAs), of which ADAD is the Hawaii SSA, presented on Hawaii ADAD's movement toward support and promotion of integrating cultural activities in its RFP process. Specifically, ADAD has included cultural activities as equally billable to any western intervention or service when the activity is identified as addressing risk factors for substance abuse. This allows ADAD to "carve-in", rather than "carve-out" cultural activities and allows contracted providers to determine the efficacy of cultural activities and practices for their individual programs and patients. We believe that this approach embraces the diversity of practices and activities, promotes the efficacy of cultural practices and validates cultural practices as an integral part of the treatment and recovery process. Hawaii ADAD has promoted its support of integrating cultural healing activities, specifically with a Native Hawaiian focus, through presentations at the American Psychological Association Annual Conventions in 2004 and 2013, and at the 2016 International Indigenous Health Symposium sponsored by the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. In 2017, ADAD partnered with SAMHSA and the Queen's Medical Center for an all-day workshop on "Addressing Opioid-Related Misuse and Overdose: Business and Cultural Sustainability."

The DOH remains committed to building interagency relationships amongst private and non-profit stakeholders. ADAD has fostered these relationships through the HOI and the formation of workgroups on topics such as: treatment access, prescriber education, data informed decision making, prevention and public education, pharmacy-based interventions, law enforcement, and screening, brief intervention, and treatment. The HOI has worked with members of the Native Hawaiian community, who have offered guidance and expertise in planning and implementing services statewide. An example of this collaboration is ADAD contract with Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes), an innovative

1 medical education and mentoring model building primary care capacity while improving access
2 to specialty health care in rural communities.

3 Through the HOI, ADAD is committed to supporting efforts in recruiting stakeholders
4 focusing on Native Hawaiian care, especially within the scope of integrating culturally relevant
5 components of substance abuse treatment continuum of care.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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Chair Mizuno, and Members of the House Health Committee:

I am Gregg Pacilio, PT and Board President of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (HAPTA), a non-profit professional organization serving more than 340 member Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants. We are movement specialists and are part of the spectrum of care for Hawaii, and provide rehabilitative services for infants and children, youth, adults and the elderly. Rehabilitative services are a vital part of restoring optimum functioning from neuromusculoskeletal injuries and impairments.

HAPTA is in support of SCR 103 which urges the inclusion of native Hawaiian cultural intervention treatment programs, wellness plans, and holistic living systems of care in the state of Hawaii's response to the rise and misuse and abuse of opioids or illicit substances in Hawaii. As Native Hawaiians comprise nearly forty percent of the statewide population admitted to addiction treatment programs, it is important that members on the Hawaii Opioid Initiative take this into consideration with current implementation and further development. By identifying the needs of this large proportion of individuals affected by opioids, it will only strengthen the outcomes.

Physical therapists collaborate with other healthcare providers to help provide pain management strategies, and treat different populations within the state of Hawaii including Native Hawaiians. Patients of physical therapists in Hawaii have faced unique challenges such as limited access to rehabilitative care in rural areas. One of the American Physical Therapy Core Values is "Societal Responsibility", which is the promotion of a mutual trust between the profession and the larger public that necessitates responding to societal needs for health and wellness. It is part of our responsibility to promote cultural competence, and advocate for the health and wellness needs of society including access to health care and physical therapy services.

Your support of SCR103 is appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

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